

and great-great-grandchild (soon to be two) as he has been to the Rotary over many decades.

In true Rotary fashion, Alvin Shrader also kept the Rotary ideal alive in his business dealings. He became a chiropractor in the 1930s and helped change its image and acceptability as an active member and past treasurer of the California Chiropractic Association. He is also a lifelong gardener, tending to his vegetables with the same care that he tends to all life.

Rotary has been the social center of Alvin and Avis' life. Prior to joining Rotary in 1945, Alvin was a member of the 20-30 Club's Los Angeles Chapter, where he also marked perfect attendance. He is a former Rotary Club of Los Angeles Southwest president and Avis is a former Rotary Ann.

When on the road, Alvin Shrader makes it a point to make up meetings by visiting other Rotary Clubs. He has attended meetings at clubs in Florida; Salt Lake City; Crystal City, VA; Carson City; St. Louis; Puerto Rico and the Kingdom of Tonga. When he was recently hospitalized with a broken hip, his biggest concern was making up Rotary meetings.

Mr. Speaker, I am blessed to have Alvin and Avis as my in-laws. As patriarch and matriarch of the Shrader family, they set the standard for generations to follow. It is a high standard of love and dedication that any family would be proud to follow. I know my colleagues will join me in recognizing Alvin "Sam" Shrader for a lifetime of service to family, his profession and his community by upholding and living the Rotary ideal.

CONGRATULATING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA-DULUTH MEN'S HOCKEY TEAM

HON. JAMES L. OBERSTAR

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. OBERSTAR. Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the University of Minnesota-Duluth men's hockey team on reaching the 2004 NCAA Men's Frozen Four Hockey Tournament. This moment has been 19 years in the making, since the last UMD men's hockey team reached the Frozen Four in 1985. This is the second time the UMD men's hockey team has reached the Frozen Four, and the third NCAA trip for the men's hockey team.

I want to acknowledge, in particular, the accomplishments of Head Coach and Hibbing, Minnesota native Scott Sandelin. Scott has been awarded the 2004 Western Collegiate College Association's Coach of the Year award. He is one of the most promising young coaches in college hockey and has only 4 years behind the bench as head coach. He is not only a great coach, but also a superb instructor who has taught his players a great understanding of the game. The team has demonstrated that understanding of the game with their impressive 28-12-4 record. It is clear that the lessons learned on the ice will serve these student-athletes well after graduation, which is the hallmark of college athletics.

I also want to congratulate University of Minnesota Duluth Senior, Junior Lessard, who became the seventh Bulldog to be named a Hobey Baker finalist. Mr. Lessard was se-

lected as 2004 Western Collegiate Hockey Association Player of the Year and helped the Bulldogs advance to the Frozen Four for the first time in 19 years. He leads the nation in scoring with 61 points and 20 assists in league play.

I want to commend Coach Sandelin, Junior Lessard and the entire UMD hockey team for their outstanding season and to wish them success in the NCAA Frozen Four tournament.

IN HONOR OF ANTONIA HERNANDEZ

HON. XAVIER BECERRA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it is with utmost pleasure and privilege that I rise today to recognize and pay tribute to a great American and good friend, Antonia Hernandez, Former President and General Counsel of the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF). To me, Antonia is many things: a national leader on civil rights and public policy, a pioneer who has opened doors for countless underrepresented Americans in this country, and a wonderful friend and mentor who after 23 years with MALDEF, has embarked on another ambitious journey by leading one of this country's premiere charitable institutions, the California Community Foundation.

Born on May 30, 1948, Antonia was raised in Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico. At the age of eight, her parents, Manuel and Nicolasa Hernandez, emigrated, family and all, to the United States and settled in the Boyle Heights neighborhood of East Los Angeles. Growing up in the housing projects of East Los Angeles, Antonia learned her strong work ethic and core values from her parents. As the eldest of seven children (Maria, Guadalupe, Lisa, Mary Ann, Peter, and Manuel), Antonia demonstrated an incredible entrepreneurial spirit at an early age, going door-to-door in her housing project selling tamales to help support the family.

Antonia is a proud alumna of Garfield High School and East Los Angeles College. The first in her family to attend college, Antonia set her sights higher and went on to receive a Bachelor of Arts in history in 1970 and a Juris Doctorate in 1974 from the University of California, Los Angeles.

On October 8, 1977, Antonia married Michael Stern, and together they have become an indivisible team, blessed with a true partnership, friendship and love. Family has always been the top priority for these proud parents of three: Benjamin, Marisa, and Michael.

Antonia's illustrious career has taken her from the Los Angeles Center for Law and Justice to the Legal Aid Foundation, the United States Senate Judiciary Committee and of course MALDEF, where she quickly became an indispensable asset and emblematic of MALDEF's tenacity to prevail. Her collaborative style and incredible network of relationships have propelled MALDEF to the top of our nation's leading civil rights and public policy organizations. She served a remarkable and unprecedented 18 years as President and General Counsel of this preeminent organiza-

tion. Under her guidance, MALDEF has gained long-term financial stability going from an organization that began in 1968 with a \$2.2 million grant from the Ford Foundation to one that operates a \$6.5 million annual budget and has offices in Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., Chicago, Houston, Atlanta, Sacramento and San Antonio.

What mark has this human being left on America? She heroically led the fight defeating the anti-immigrant Proposition 187 in the California courts in the 1990's. She courageously worked on the 1995 Edgewood case which held that the Texas legislature had the authority to require wealthier districts to share that wealth with less fortunate districts. Today, while still a work in progress, we are moving towards an educational system that provides a fair opportunity to all Texan children. And Latino families are forever indebted to Antonia for her instrumental role in pursuing accurate census counts in 1990 and 2000. Under her leadership, MALDEF took the lead in conducting nationwide census outreach campaigns and kept a vigilant watch over the complicated redistricting process so that Latinos would, for the first time, have a strong political voice throughout the country.

Antonia's years of demonstrated leadership led the California Community Foundation to name her as its new Chief Executive Officer and President. With this new position comes the opportunity to forge new paths and serve Californians in new ways.

Antonia's legal career has always embodied her passion for helping the Latino and other disenfranchised communities to "make sure that everyone has a place at the table." One of her former colleagues best characterized Antonia as someone who can interact respectfully with the most modest, humble immigrants and then translate their needs into action. As Antonia closes one chapter of her distinguished career and begins another, I would like to say "thank you" on behalf of the countless people whose lives she has changed by opening doors, leading by example and always holding firm to her convictions. Her innumerable contributions will be felt and appreciated for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, as family, friends, and colleagues gather to pay tribute to Antonia, it is with great admiration and pride that I ask my colleagues to join me today in saluting this truly remarkable example of the American dream. Fortunately for all of us Antonia has much vigor and fight reserved for her new calling at the helm of the California Community Foundation. Antonia, you have earned the luck that will be with you.

TRIBUTE TO ANN SUNSTEIN KHEEL

HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 2, 2004

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ann Sunstein Kheel who died in New York City on December 28 at the age of 88. Ms. Kheel was a woman as close to a saint as I have ever known. She dedicated her whole life to the fight for social and racial justice. Born in Pittsburgh in 1915, she went to Cornell University where she earned a degree